Lyceum Distinguished Speaker Series

The word Lyceum, the name of the school where Aristotle taught, has its roots in ancient Greece. At Cuyahoga Valley National Park, we adopted the name Lyceum to describe our distinguished speaker series. Join us this winter to stimulate the mind, body, and soul through compelling stories of our natural and cultural world.

When: Fridays, January 9 to March 26, at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Where: Happy Days Visitor Center, located on SR 303, 1 mile west of SR 8 in Boston Heights

Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children 6 - 12



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Friday, January 9

Operating an Environmentally Friendly Business

As part of the drive to operate in an environmentally responsible manner, Great Lakes Brewing Company launched the Zero Waste Initiative in 2001. Join owner Pat Conway for a discussion of the initiative and projects such as recycling spent grains from the beermaking process into ingredients for bread and pretzels, feed for livestock, and substrate for growing organic mushrooms.

Friday, January 16

Birds and Bivouacs amongst the Beans

Imagine an army, tens of thousands strong, marching in formation through the countryside. Close behind are the flocks, reaping the spoils not plundered by the advancing soldiers. It's not a scene from a blockbuster movie—just a day in the life of birds and army ants in the coffee plantations of highland Panama. Join us on a tropical journey as Dr. Daniel Petit explores the ecology of coffee plantations and shows that the type of coffee you drink directly influences the planet's tropical animal life.

Friday, January 23

Avalanche of Adventure

Jeff Pagels, who has used a wheelchair since a 1984 logging accident, has attained a level of success in outdoor adventures that most of us can only dream about. He has participated in several successful mountaineering expeditions and competed in international athletic competitions. Join Pagels for stories of his adventures and an exploration of the value of the great outdoors for both the able and the disabled.

Friday, January 30

You'll Die Up North: Swimming the Columbia River

He wasn't rich. He's wasn't a scientist. And he wasn't much of a swimmer. But in July 2003 an average guy from Portland, Oregon, became the first person in history to swim the entire 1,243 miles of the Columbia River. Listen as Christopher Swain describes his adventures with class IV rapids, raw sewage, and heavily armed locals, all in the name of clean water.

Friday, February 6

Masterpiece of the Monarchs

In 1996, lepidopterist and author Dr. Robert Michael Pyle chased monarch butterflies over mountains and across rivers from British Columbia to Mexico. Pyle explores the remarkable natural history of the beloved monarch, details its heroic migration, and examines its prospects for survival. The monarch, one of our most beautiful and inspiring wildlife treasures, needs all the friends it can get.

Friday, February 13

Saving Endangered Sea Turtles

For over two decades, researchers have been working to re-establish a nesting colony of endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles at Padre Island National Seashore. If successful, this colony could help avoid extinction for the world's most endangered sea turtle. Join Dr. Donna Shaver-Miller, chief of sea turtle science and recovery at the park, for stories of sea turtle research and conservation.

Friday, February 20

Red Wolf Recovery and the Endangered Species Act Across a Humanized Landscape

Wild red wolves, one of the most endangered animals in the world, howl once more across a portion of their former historic range in the southeastern United States. Join Bud Fazio, team leader of the Red Wolf Recovery Program for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to learn about the challenges of restoring red wolves to their native land in northeastern North Carolina.

Friday, February 27

It Costs to Call, but It Pays to Advertise!

Dr. Don C. Forester, who has spent his career studying the behavioral ecology of amphibian reproduction, will examine the complexity of vocal communication among frogs. Using his own research on the spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*), he will discuss why male frogs call and the information that females extract from the calls. Come learn why it costs to call, but it pays to advertise!

Friday, March 5

Bison Management in Yellowstone

With the dawning of the 20th century, the recognizable image of the American bison stood on the brink of extinction. Through great efforts the population was brought back, but managing this species and the diseases that threaten it remains a concern for the National Park Service and the livestock industry in Montana. Join NPS Wildlife Biologist Rick Wallen for an inside look at how Yellowstone National Park is working to preserve wild bison.

Friday, March 12

An Evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was President at a pivotal time in American history. Join Max and Donna Daniels as they portray President and Mrs. Lincoln at the end of the Civil War, reflecting upon their lives together and the events of his past four years as President.

Friday, March 19

A Pocketful of Rocks

Audience favorite Hank Fincken returns this year for a one-man show as J. Goldborough Bruff, a 19th-century '49er just returned from the California goldfields. Bruff shares his diary and sketches of his trip and discusses his exciting California exploits with inquisitive citizens—YOU!

Friday, March 26

Fire Management in the National Park Service: Case Studies from Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks

Join Tom Nichols, fire management officer at Yosemite National Park, to explore the history of National Park Service fire management policies and operations, focusing on the history of the fire management programs in Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks. Hear why the National Park Service policy of restoring fire to its natural role has occurred slowly.